The Middle School Good Times

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Student Council

The Student Council is elected by each homeroom choosing a delegate and an alternate. Then all the delegates and all the alternates choose a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. They choose officers from among themselves because it's done a whole lot faster. All delegates, alternates and officers must meet eligibility requirements- no D's or F's.

Mr. Pefley will lead the meetings until officers take over. His goal is to get the council going as soon as possible so the school will have the first dance soon.

d.c.

Representatives Chosen

The delegates and alternates chosen in elections September 16 include the following people: 8th gr. Rick Walters, Carin Thomas, Melissa Makowski, Sara Lumm, Theresa Drake, Mike Kinville, Chris Bartholomew, Kerrie Anderson, Nancy Clarke, Sarah McCarthy, Chad Lyon, Stephanie Herwick, Michelle Montgomery, Theresa Mullins; 7th gr. Ingrid Lacy, Rinda Teske, Annette Brugh, Troy Hendrickson, Ann Baker, Scott Flick, Kristie Timmermans, Travis Hall, John Tapper, Sheila Hughes, Heather Staniszewski, Kerrin Hindenach, Eric Green, Nancy Walters; 6th gr. Jeff Matheny, Colleen Bos, Jonathan Njus, Laura Morrison, Kevin Taylor, Tina O'Bryne, Andy Lumm, Chris Date, Abby Baker and Jason Coffman.

dance tonight

The first student council dance will be held tonight September 30.

FOR SALE: extremely cute small four-legged mousetraps. Free. Best ever. Safer than poison! Call 657-6220.

Dear 6th grade

Dear sixth grade:

We the newspaper staff of 1983-84 welcome you and give the official warnings of starting P.P.M.S. Beginning with the lunch... when you're in that long lunchline and you smell that odor, don't panic. It's almost over. We remember Mr. Ruesink's large S.S. maps and choir concerts. We know you can't wait! Then there's the risk you run simply walking down the hall. You could end up two feet tall! (j.j.) Finally one serious thought now that you've entered the middle school. Stay out of trouble and have a lot of fun.

c.t. & a.r.

Rocket Football

Over three dozen middle school boys are active in rocket football. Their coaches are Mr. Mumford and Mr. Korhouse.

Mr. Mumford coaches the Chargers who include on their roster Mike Mumford, Steve Johnson, Tom Ballard, Clint Baney, Ricky Newcom, Rick Walters, Brent White, Jason Johnson, Mike Mearing, Greg Burfield, John Norg, Rory Strand, Matt Crosser, Pete Graig, Dennis Harbin, Rob Shirley, Steven Hogar, Trevor Smith, and Mike Shinaberry.

The Bulldogs, Mr. Korhouse's team, includes Bob Stilson, Tony Meeker, Mike Johnson, Tim Wunderlich, Scott Flick, Bill Curtis, Bob Roy, Jerry Kelly, Mike Brown, Roy Barnette, John Bilski, Eric Lean, John Wrona, Matt Hass and Lance Bleu.

t.b.

On behalf of the newspaper staff we dedicate this paper to the Americans on the 747 the Russians shot down over Korea and especially to the two teens who died.

a.o & s.l.

Welcome

Welcome back....We welcome the new 6th, 7thand 8th graders. We all hope that you have fun this year. We hope the 6th graders learn the pitfalls and don't get steppedon too badly! Enjoy your new teachers and new homerooms. Have a great year.

d.c.

back to school

Back to school,what a thrill
All the great classes to use your skill,
The teachers are great
But if you're late
Right in your room
They'll write out your doom.

So now we start a great new year
With brand new clothes and lots of cheer
The summer is over and fall is near
It's time to hit the books
For another year!

c.t. & t.d.

choir concerts

Choir concerts are scheduled for October, December, April, and May this school year. The fall concert will be October 26 at 7:30 and the Christmas concert, which includes an assembly, will take place December 16.

April 18 is another concert date as is May 23rd, a 6th grade concert, and May 30, a 7th and 8th grade concert.

t.d.

Mrs. Smith in 7th grade

Mrs. Colette Smith is a new teacher- new this year but she has been on maternity leave. She is teaching 7th grade English and is in Mrs. Sang's old room. She says she's taught in Mr. Lutz's, Mr. Ruesink's, Mr. Dyer's, Mr. Brill's Mr. Watterworth's and Mrs. Dobbs' room as well as at Cedar Street when 6th grade was located there.

She is married to an attorney named Robert. She has two children, Carolyn, 4,and Sarah, 2½.

She went to college at W.M.U.and lives now in Portage.

Mrs. Smith enjoys cross-country skiing, traveling and her favorite color is plaid. She likes veal at Tosi's in Stevensville and her birthday is June 27. She dislikes split pea soup and when students make nasty remarks about each other.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Smith back!

a.o. & s.l.

Mr. Taylor New

Mr. Taylor is a new teacher in the middle school. He teaches in the resource room.

Mr. Taylor was born at Borgess Hospital and graduated from that famous Kalamazoo Central that also graduated Mr. Erickson and Mr. Hawley. Mr. Taylor likes to run, work-out with weights and he used to do karate. He likes to eat pizza and doesn't like much sugar.

He is 42. He has worked in a papermill, a cemetery, W.T. Grant store selling toys, road concstruction and he was in the Marines in Viet Nam. Mr. Taylor has gone to five different colleges, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Michigan.

Mr. Taylor likes students very much. He said he has great students in every class. He likes the people he works with. He has taught for four years in Florida, four years in Delton, and three years at Van Buren Intermediate.

j.p.

varsity schedule

Paw Paw Redskins football plans are as follows:

Sept. 23-	Parchment	home
Oct.1	K.Christian	away
Oct. 7	Galesburg	home
Oct. 14	Delton	away
Oct. 21	Hackett	home
Oct. 28	G.R.Christian	home
Nov. 4	Otsego	away

All games begin at 7:30. October 21 is also the homecoming game.

Mrs. Sang at B. R.

Recently Mrs. Pam Sang was interviewed by staffers who wanted to keep the Good Times readers up-to-date. Mrs. Sang is now teaching at Black River in the fourth grade.

She is married, her husband's name is Fred and she has two children, Brennan Louis who is 6 and Philip Richard who is six months old.

Asked about her childhood and schooling, Mrs. Sang replied,"I grew up in South Haven and went to college at Western Michigan University."

She says she likes teaching at Black River because she likes all the things she can do with the kids but she middes the Middle School also. She stated that teaching the 4th graders isharder in some ways and easier in other ways compared to teaching at M.A.M.S.

Some of Mrs. Sang's hobbies include folk singing, gardening, and teaching.

a.o.

How We Spent Our Vacation

How did you spend your summer vacation? Perhaps your answer is included in our survey. Read what your friends did.

Denise Hamel says "I babysat all summer." Todd Warner and Bob Stilson both said," went fishing, golfed, and played baseball."Todd added that he "visited Stephanie."

Mike Kinville "spent the summer sleeping and eating and watching t.v." Doug Reisterer "made money." Sherry Flowers said," I babysat all summer." Theresa Drake "took a safari ride." Marci Davis "traveled to Texas, New Orleans and Boston." Andrea Rice "went to Colorado." Paul Soule "went to Mackinac " as did Bill Harrington.

Mr. Erickson went " Dayton, Ohio and to Deer Forest." James Calhoun went"to Philadelphia." Jeff Allwelt visited " Chippewa Lake up north." John Bielski traveled "to Detroit." Chad Lyon headed the opposite way going "to Chicago." Marie Hoover went to"Silver Lake" near Muskegon.

Tim Wunderlich also went to "Chicago while Joh Hamay went to "Drummond Island." Mr. Topp went to"boxing tournaments in Columbus, Ohio and Ann Arbor." Dewey Terry "stayed home." Rob Shirley "ripped my fingernails off playing football."

Jerry Conklin "stayed home." Tracy Daigler "went to California amd saw all the guys on the beach." Mrs.Dobbs "went sailing on North Channel" and Mrs. Maxwell "sat by the lake in the sun and went boat riding." Mr. Smyder "painted his house yellow with grey shutters and fixed his cars."

Mr. Watterworth "painted inside his house, but not too much, went to Canada near Ottawa, and went fishing and watched Tiger baseball." Kim' Good "went up north." Jeff Stearns went "North Carolina" and Kevin Taylor went to"Missouri. " Jennifer Cella "went to Chicago." John Lucas went " Cedar Point." Lisa Smith "went to King's Island." Andy Griffith did"nothing." Jeff Wert "was grounded for a certain phone number." Steve Johnson "played baseball and that was it." Melissa Makowski "traveled." Rick Walters "went sailing."

Sean Casey went "to camp for two months." Tom Ballard "visited Washington,D.C." Calvin Williams "went to Boblo Island in Canada."Greg Watterworth went "to Canada on Bob's Lake."

home video pro's & con's

- Most kids today have played video games and some of them have their own at home. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a home video system?

Advantages are that you don't spend money every time that you play. It is always handy and you can expand it. You can play it instead of doing your homework.

Disadvantages are you may not have the same graphics, you always have to wait because the parents get crazed, and you get lousy grades because you play it too much!

s.b.

The Good Times staff includes 8th graders who have elected to have 1st hour study hall become newspaper staff time. They indicated interest last spring and were selected from their teachers' recommendations as well as by their show of interest. This year's staff includes Amy Oliver, Carin Thomas, Darci Curtis, Sara Lumm, Randy Rogers, Tim Reinoehl, Scott Pugsley, Tom Ballard, Steve Brucher, Jennifer Cella, Nancy Clarke, Theresa Drake, April Ruthruff, and Joel Parish.

DEAR SAM:

Feel free to write Dear Sam for advice. This is a student-written column but Sam remains anonymous. Send your letters to room 214 or place them in Ms. Swanson's mail box in the office.

Dear Sam:

I have a problem that I've had since 6th grade.(Now I'm in 8th grade.) I haven't got a girl friend. All the girls like me for a friend but they won't go with me. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Lonely

Dear Lonely:

Try getting to know different girls. Don't ask them to go with you until you know them and they know you better. If that doesn't work, try again with the girls you do know.

Dear Sam:

I like a guy a lot and I don't know if he likes me at all. Please don't tell me to write a note. I'm too shy to do that.

x

Dear X:

I know you're shy but you should try to let him know you like him. Go out of your way to be nice to him. Get to know him better and laugh at his jokes even if they're not funny. And then maybe he will realize that you like him and he will respond.

Dear Sam:

My younger sister gets away with everything. She never says "I'm sorry" for anything. She is always the one to get my parents' attention. She is only two years younger but she rules the roost. I feel very unimportant when she's around. What do I do, Sam?

Older but younger

Dear O. but Y.:

Maybe you should let your parents know how you feel. Tell them you feel that they haven't been paying enough attention to you. Sometimes when a child has a problem (not suggesting your sister has one) but in some situations, when for example, one shild has been having a difficult time with their schoolwork, the parents will go out oftheir way to congratulate that one child. Even though they don't realize it, they may be neglecting their other child or children in doing this.

Sam

whatever!

Tarzan Brill? Appamently the vine (plastic rope) wasn't strong enough and Chris Brill landed in Ackley Lake last week. Oops!

Will cheerleading finally give way to equal opportunity at P.P.M.S.? Ask Bill Curtis.

With the hot weather, some have adopted drastic measures. Sara Lumm "bulldozed" her way into the drinking fountain line in a desperate attempt to quench her thirst!

Mr. Dyer became more familiar with Metro Transit than he had ever imagined possible as a bus crunched his car last week. Luckily he wasn't hurt but it didn't do his car much good.

Correction to the Mr. Taylor interview... Mr. Snyder went to Kal.Central rather than Mr. Hawley as earlier stated.

Spelling Bee

The third annual all school spelling bee will be held October 20 in the middle school auditorium at 7 o'clock.

Contestants will be selected from each grade level allowing ten people from each grade to participate. The top ten of those thirty will form the spelling team and represent P.P.M.S. at the Cloverleaf and the Grapevine Spelling contests in March and April.

Each homeroom will choose five people to compete for the ten grade level spots. Selection will begin soon in English classes.

The contest is being run earlier this year so that the team willhave ample time to train before the meets.

6th gr. Views P.P.M.S.

Sixth graders were interviewed to get their views of middle school as newcomers.

Chris Brill said he "likes the teachers, band, and lockers." Billy Carter "likes the wooden floors and teachers." John Roberts likes "gym, lunch and recess." Rob Williams also "likes gym, lunch and band."

Becky Ann McLemore said she "liked the teachers so far." Derricks Wyatt "likes art, band and lockers."

Jimmy Dearoff enjoys "his locker." Jane McGuire likes "the teachers." Dennis Harbin likes "the girls." Julisa Garcia likes "the floor and the wood around the chalkboard." Cheris Dingman likes "the lockers , the teachers, the school itself, and Mr. Drury."

Robert Foster likes " the lockers." Brian Hall likes "gym, lunch and art." Jaise Overton likes "to change classes, and getting away from her sister."

Gina Blacksten "likes gym, lunch, and changing classes." Imelda Ponce likes "reading class, teachers and the kids." Tina O'Bryne likes"changing classes." Katrina Parmelee likes "not having one teacher all the time."

Gabie Soto likes "moving from class to class." Kevin Taylon likes"his own locker and I.G.S." John Sinkewiz likes "the teachers, classses and the students." Sean McKenny likes "lunch recess and the three minute break." Mike Mckowski doesn't like "the food." Susie Copeland "wants bigger lockers." Colleen Bos likes" social studies, reading and I.G.S."She doesn't like "getting up so early and I need more time between classes."

Dustin Harrell likes"math." Jenny Brills "doesn't like lockers." Clint Merchent likes"science." Scott Browne likes "middle school because of more girls." Steve Figg likes "longer gym periods, Mr. Ruesink's reading and hates the gym shower."

George Martin likes"recess, lucnh, and science." Greg Woodhams "hates not much time between classes." Chrissy Reed likes "changingclasses." Chris Collier "hates the food." Dan Fuller "hates the work." John Myers "doesn't like the playground and likes the lockers."

Kelli Porta hates"getting up early but likes to get out early." Nathan Becker "I do not like the hot lunch." Tim Bannister likes "Mr. Lutz and his funny sentences for English." Eric Brower likes "study hall." Jim Ortquist likes "having my own locker and my favorite teacher is Mr. Lutz."

Cliff Overacker likes "middle c school because of the kids." Kirk Warner likes the "teachers but I don't like the lockers." Andy Lumm likes"the school's cold water." Summarizing the many opinons was Michelle Osment who said," It's better than Black River but they make us get up too early."

Virgo.. (continued from page 6.)

Virgo (8-23-9-22) You may wake to find your new dog has ruined the plush carpet and your mom blames you.

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Send any letters to the editor to room 214 or place in Ms. Swanson's mailbox. Give us your opinions. This is your paper too.

More Homework

Students should have more homework. They may not want it, but they need it. In fact, students should have at least one to two hours of homework a day. As soon as they get home from school they should start on their homework at a desk or a table, not in front of a t.v., not with the radio on, ot a friend over, not on a bed or in a comfortable chair. School is an important matter. Take a kid who went to school but dropped out at 9th grade and another kid who went to school and finished college. Who would get the best job? Most likely rhw kid who went to col lege. Jobs need smarter people who are well educated. Kids seem to think they will always get a job with or without school.

(Written by a 7th grader in Mrs. Smith's English class.)

Basketball

Girls' basketball will begin as soon as sponsors are found. The girls who have signed up include: Elizabeth Larson, Melinda Flick, Sheila Hughes, Jeannine Pawlarski, Michelle Page. Rinda Teske, Ingrid Lacy, Jenny Burk, Tracy Barnett, Stephanie Herwick, Julisa Garcia, Jamise Overton, Liz Grimm, Crissie Reed, Deana Anderson, Nancy Walter, Cheri Fisk, Mary Cooper, Sarah McCarthy, Heather Staniszewski, Jenny Peplenski, Monica Reister, Heather Smith, Cher Tinker, Shannon Rucinski, Marnie Wescott, Darci Curtis, Carrissa Ruiz, Jennie Finnerman, Sherry Flowers, Lynn Utter, Sidra Mitchell, Sarah Gilbert, Amy Pollack, Lisa Manning and Denyse Hamel.

s.l.

Sam

Dear Sam: continued from page 4...

Dear Sam:

Boys used to think of me as a pal. Now they don't pay any attention to me at all. What happened and what should I do about it?

Different Now

Dear Different:

I think your problem is that all the guys you used to be pals with may have realized that you're a girl so they don't know how to act around you anymore. I suggest that you make more girlfriends or approach the boys you've known as a friend instead of as a girl. Just keep trying and sooner or later the boys will realize that you are still the same person even though you grew up. And if they are true friends, they will stay your friends.

horror scopes

The following horoscopes are certainly not to be taken seriously but the staff hopes you'll enjoy them anyhow!

Libra-(9-23-10-23) You are a fun-loving, big mouthed person so be careful when you start talking .

Scorpio (10-24-11-22) Have a firm pinch on Christmas money. If you feel like spending it, put the bite on yourself.

Sagittarius (11-23-12-21)You are a good writer so get out last week's homework and do it. Just don't write on walls.

Capricorn (12-22-1-19) Today you will come out ofthe boring shell you're in. Be aggressive.

Aquarius (1-20-2-19) You always have to be exact . Try and get along and go with the flow.

Pisces (2-20-3-20) You will be at your best today and win some of your enemies' friendship.

Aries (3-21-4-19) Today you will push over 7 people to be first on the bus.

Taurus- (4-20-5-20)Today you will relax and be fun because your stubbornness is wearing off.

Gemini (5-21-6-20)If you are a Gemini, you might be in cahoots with a Taurus.

Cancer (6-21-7-22) Be careful this week. If you!re too crabby, you will get bit by German Shepherd while riding your bike.

Leo (7-22 - 8-22) Laugh and roar. This is a beastly week for you!

see p.5 for Virgo